GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:566
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2003
GARUDA MOBILE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Garuda Mobile Service of MTNL is facing any problem with regard to providing connectivity to new subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the imports made by the MTNL during the last three years for providing mobile service in the country including names of such countries and companies;

(d) whether all the imported equipment have been put to use;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to provide better connectivity service of Garuda Mobile Service?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DISINVESTMENT (ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OFTHE LOK SABHA IN RESPECTOF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARREI QUESTION NO. 566 FOR 30TH APRIL, 2003 REGARDING GARUDA MOBILE SERVICE.

(a) & (b): Sir, there is no problem in providing connectivity of Garuda Mobile Service to new subscribersof both Delhi and Mumbai units of MTNL. In order to meet future requirements, expansion plans have been taken up.

(c) MTNL provides services only in Delhi and Mumbai. Details of imports made by the MTNL during the lastthree years for providing Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) mobile services (Garuda) for these two Metros are given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e): All the imported equipment supplied for Phase- Ihas been put to use in Delhi and Mumbai unitsof MTNL. Equipmentfor Phase-II for MTNL, Delhi was supplied in January, 2003 and has been commissioned on 24.4.2003. In MTNL, Mumbai, the equipment has been received and its installation/commissioning is targeted for July, 2003.

(f) During the Phase-II commissioning,additional Base Station Trans Receivers (BTs) are being added (46 in MTNL, Delhi and 27 in MTNL, Mumbai) to improve the connectivity.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF THE EQUIPMENT IMPORTED BY MTNL FOR WLL MOBILE SERVICE.

MTNL-DELHI

Equipment	Cost	Imported	Country Through
Infrastructure Equipment			
Phase-I 50,000 lines	$ 69,93,406 (USD)	Imported from M/s. Motorola Inc.	USA and China
Phase-II 100,000 lines	$ 1,05,43,411 (USD)	-do-	-do-

Hand Sets and Wall Sets
45000 (30000 HHT and 15000 FWT) Rs. 76,77,57,000 HFCL S. Korea
1000 Rs. 1,78,95,000 HFCL S. Korea
3750 Rs. 5,31,18,750 LG Electronics System India Ltd. S. Korea
1250 Rs. 1,77,06,250 Indian Telephone Industries S. Korea
30000 Rs. XL Telecom USA

(Purchase Order placed) 15,00,12,900

Note: HTT = Hand Held Terminal
FWT = Fixed Wire Telephone

MTNL, MUMBAI

Equipment	Cost	Imported	Country
Through Infrastructure Equipment			
Phase-I 50,000 lines	Rs. 46,95,28,944	M/s. Fujitsu Ltd.	Japan
Phase-II 92,000 lines	Rs. 53,22,66,028	-do-	-do-
Hand Sets 30000	Rs.	XL Telecom	USA
(Purchase Order placed)	15,00,12,900		